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**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 3, 2003 6:56 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

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**From:** steve  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 3, 2003 8:12 AM  
**Subject:** media consolidation

Dear Mr. Powell,

I'd like to voice my concern about media consolidation.

The average person trusts television and radio, and believes what they see and hear

Yet big media has become nothing but a right-wing propaganda arm that is a tremendous threat to freedom and American values.

The trashing of Clinton. The selection of Bush. The run-up to war. The unjust Iraqi war.

Only through mass manipulation by big media could any of these dreadful things have happened

The blood on the hands of those who promote this war doesn't stop at the offices of the Administration. It stains **us** all. Particularly, big media, and its right wing 'news' organizations are stained with it.

Please do what you can to stop media consolidation

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
stephen v. kane

**From:** jhartel@resultglobal.com  
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**From:** Peter Husenitza  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, Apr 3, 2003 8:51 AM  
**Subject:** THANKYOU!

My husband and I applaud you for taking a strong pro-family stance.

You are credited for wanting to preserve the decency in broadcasting for our young viewing audience. We truly believe that the erosion of today's society is a direct result of being bombarded with explicit scenes over and over again at such an early age.

Please continue to strive to promote more family viewing options on broadcast networks. Your work is more appreciated than you know.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Husenitza

**CC:** Michael Copps

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